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SUBJECT: ARMENIANS ALSO AMONG RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN IRAN

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Classified By: Pol/Econ Chief C. Doell for reasons 1.4 (b, d).

(C) We delivered reftel points regarding the situation of adherents of the Baha'i faith in Iran to Armenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Iran Desk Officer Hasmik Dashtoyan April 6. Dashtoyan said she would share our points with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Arman Kirakossian, a member of the Iran-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission. The GOAM, according to Dashtoyan, was also concerned about the well-being of the significant minority population of Christian Armenians who lived in Iran. She said she could not provide an immediate response to our request for a public statement from the GOAM, though she would update us when a response was available.
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